

Hampton Animal Control is passionate about cats both feral and domestic. Keep reading to learn what you can do to help control the cat population and what Hampton Animal Control can do to help remedy a very feral situation.



REGISTER A CAT COLONY

(1) Registration of a colony shall consist of providing documentation of support by surrounding neighbors of the colony and assuring responsibility for feeding and providing emergency vet care to the colony members as needed.

(2) Regular trapping must be done by the registrant or other interested party in order to sterilize all cats of the colony, to have a licensed veterinarian tip the ears for identification purposes, and to vaccinate for rabies.

(3) Colony registrations must be updated annually.



Hampton City Ordinance

Sec. 5-43,

Unlawful care of feral cats:

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(a) Any person intentionally providing food, water, or other forms of sustenance to a feral cat or feral cat colony must furnish a signed statement to the animal control office agreeing to comply with the following conditions. Those persons who have furnished a signed statement to the animal control officer agreeing to comply with the conditions contained in this section are exempt from the requirements of Article IV of this chapter, entitled dog and cat licenses.

(1) Annual registration with the animal control office as a person caring for feral cat(s) or a feral cat colony. There will be no costs associated with this registration. The registrant shall be deemed the owner or custodian of the cat(s) for purposes of this chapter.

(2) Provide documentation of support by surrounding neighbors of proposed location for feral cat colony.

(3) Assure responsibility and arrangements for feeding and providing emergency veterinarian treatment as needed to the cat or cat colony regularly

throughout the year, including weekends, holidays and vacations and in the absence of the caregiver.

(4) Regular and frequent trapping through use of humane box traps of cats over the age of eight (8) weeks to have them spayed or neutered.

(5) It is highly recommended that all trapped cats be tested for feline leukemia, and to have those who test positive humanely euthanized or isolated indoors.

(6) Identify all sterile cats by tipping their ears (tipping to be done by a licensed veterinarian); micro chipping is recommended but not required.

(7) Arrange to have all trapped cats spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies in addition to any other vaccination or immunization requirement imposed by the commonwealth. It is recommended that such cats be vaccinated for distemper.

(8) Any animal known to have an infectious, untreated disease shall not be released back to the colony or any other outdoor environment where the disease can be spread to uninfected animals.

(b) It shall be the duty of an animal control officer to issue notice of noncompliance specifying that the caregiver has forty-eight (48) hours to provide a written response including how the colony will be brought into compliance within a ninety-day time period. The caregiver shall make weekly progress reports to the animal control office.

(c) Failure to comply with any provision of this section shall constitute a violation of this section as well as section 5-38 and subject to penalties thereof.

FAQ

Q: Do I have to license my cat?

A: All cats 4 months of age and older must be properly licensed. For 10 or more cats, you may register for a cattery license through the Treasurer's Office, at a discounted rate.

Q: Is it alright to feed stray cats?

A: Feeding free roaming cats is prohibited by Hampton City Ordinance unless you first obtain a feral cat colony permit.

Q: Do I have to spay or neuter my cat?

A: All pet cats that are allowed to roam outdoors **MUST** be spayed or neutered.

Q: Why should I spay or neuter my cat?

A: A spayed or neutered cat is less likely to roam, less likely to spread or contract disease, and is less likely to be a nuisance to your neighbors.

Q: How do I get a cat trap?

A: To obtain a cat trap you must come by the Hampton Animal Control Office at 419 N. Armistead Avenue. A cat trapping application must be filled out and you will have the opportunity to read over the rules and regulations for humanely trapping cats in your area.

CAT FACTS:

Did you know that neutering male cats:

- Eliminates strong tomcat odors.
- Reduces the tendency to fight with other male cats.
- Eliminates your cat's natural inclination to wander in search of a female, reducing the likelihood of automobile accidents, or other fatalities.

Did you know that spaying female cats:

- Eliminates unwanted kittens.
- That an unsprayed female cat, her mate, and all of their offspring produces 2 litters per year with 2.8(avg.) surviving kittens per litter can total over 11,000,000 in 9 years.
- That the kittens from a litter are able to reproduce as early as 4 months of age and each of those can have litters adding to the domino effect.
- Keeps you cat from going into heat.

Remember: Spaying and neutering can reduce the chance of other medical problems in both young and old cats.

For additional information regarding Hampton City Ordinances, please visit the following website: www.municode.com

Call Police Nonemergency Communications at 727-6111 to report a complaint or to speak with an officer. For general information call 3-1-1 or 727-8311.

GOT CATS?



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